



# DREGS FROM THE KEG

**June 2012**



**This month:  
National  
Homebrewers  
Conference !**

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## Foam at the Top

[Rives Borland](#), Strand President

Wow, May was a busy month of beer *drinking* for me and now I'm looking forward to getting back to some more beer *brewing*! I hope everyone had as great a time as I did at The Southern California Homebrewers Festival at Lake Casitas. What a great time and the weather could not have been better! We had a good turnout of members, with about 25 or so showing up for the event. Most of us were camped pretty far away from the festival grounds in campground G this year, which made for a different, but equally as fun, experience. We had a great bonfire and bottle share on Friday night, after returning back from setting up the booth and the commercial pouring. On Saturday, we had all 22 taps pouring and then some. Our keg of the Cabernet Barrel Aged Sour Ale was an especially huge hit.



*Mike "Tasty" McDole and Justin Crossley, of Brewing Network fame, enjoying our club Cabernet BA dark sour ale. They were impressed!*

The May meeting had a good turnout, including some new faces, and we filled one of my 5 gal whiskey barrels I mentioned in last month's Dregs with half of the Old Ale that we brewed at the Club Brew at Chad Hazen's in

February. You can see it on display at SBBS. I'm currently working on filling the other 3. On the agenda to brew for them are an IRS, American Barley Wine, and a Tripel.

A few weekends later, I hosted a birthday party and bottle share on my roof deck in Hermosa and several members attended. Check out some of the bottles we opened.



*Birthday Bottle Share Damage*

I also had some of the left over kegs from Ojai and a keg of [Monkish](#) Feminist (Tripel with Hibiscus) on tap. I love to support the local South Bay Breweries. There are now 2 breweries in Torrance ([Strand](#) and [Monkish](#)) with [plans for Dude's Brewing Co.](#) and possibly one other to open this year. There is also [El Segundo Brewing](#). So the South Bay, and especially Torrance, is quickly becoming quite the craft beer destination. Speaking of which, I'd like us to host some social events at all of their taprooms and also the newly re-opened [Rock & Brews](#) soon. I'll get our events coordinator working on that.

Now that Ojai is behind us, there is no time to relax. We have lots of events and opportunities coming up in the very near future to get our name out there and share our great beer. But it's going to require a lot of hard work participation, and, most importantly, a lot of brewing from everyone.

First of all, I want to remind everyone that the tasting for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of our Iron Brewer Competition will be held at the June Meeting on 6/13. The ingredients are Oats, Nugget Hops, and Sweet Orange Peel. That's only a week and a half away, so hopefully everyone has already brewed. If not, there *may* still be time to

squeeze in a session strength beer with some quick fermenting yeast and an overnight force carbonate. It's not easy (or recommended), but I've actually turned around one or two beers from grain to glass in about 10 days, when in a pinch. Mild style ales, with flocculate English yeast, or wheat beers can work well if attempting this.

Next on the agenda, we have been invited to participate in the [Manhattan Beach Young Professionals SummerFest](#) event on Saturday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 PM. There will be "Live bands, over 20 breweries, up and coming home brewers, local restaurants, amazing food trucks...all for a good cause." This is a great opportunity to pour our homebrews for the general local population, alongside commercial breweries. This will be great advertisement for the club and just plain cool. It also cannot hurt our PBC sponsorship effort. Plus, the event is a fundraiser for charity. I think they are still taking applications and deciding which charity, but in the past they have supported "We Can, Pediatric Brain Tumor Network" and "Mychal's Learning Place, an after school program." More details to come, but I would like us to have kegs of at least 2-3 really good homebrews to pour for this. We'll want to be selective, since we'll be pouring for the general public and alongside the pros. We need to start brewing for this now!

Then, right on the heels of the SummerFest, [The OC Fair](#) is looking to promote craft beer and homebrewing this year, by having exhibits about beer and the brewing process where people can answer questions and/or a live brewing demo in the craftsman space. The culinary arts exhibit coordinator has contacted me to see if we are interested in putting on one of these exhibits and/or demos and I said we were. So we are looking for volunteers. The dates available are Sat July 14, July 15, Sunday July 22, Sat July 28, Sun. July 29, and Sun Aug 5. Please let me know if you can support one of these dates.

Also, we have traditionally done 2 club events during the summer – The Summer Party and the BBBBBeer Beer Bar Bike tour of the South Bay. There is a lot going on, so we're looking for 2 people to step up and take charge of the planning of these events

Finally, as you all know, we have the PBC quickly approaching in just under 4 months!!! The sponsorship effort is underway, but there is a lot of other work to help out with and especially as we get a little closer to the event there will be a lot of logistics to work out. I

would like for everyone to make it a personal goal this year to submit at least one entry to the PBC and represent the club.

So you can see we really have our work cut out for us, but I think we can pull it all off if we get good participation from everyone. The guys at the South Bay Brewing Supply are also going to help us out with some of these events. If we have to prioritize things, I would like to see the focus in this order PBC -> SummerFest -> OC fair -> Summer Party -> BBBB. We'll be scheduling some more club brews soon to yield some beer for these events and I hope everyone will also brew on their own. I'm actually in the process of moving to a new place in South Redondo, where I will have a lot more room, so hopefully I can host a club brew soon, once I'm up and running there. Ok everyone get to work and get brewing!

## What's Brewing?

Mike Haisma, Guest Reporter

### June Meeting

This month we'll meet on June 13 at 7 p.m.



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### June 9

Next Saturday appears to be a busy day for beer events.

**Firestone Walker** will be hosting their Invitational Beer Festival in Paso Robles, CA. Last year's was outstanding, and this year seems to be continuing the tradition. This festival in particular seems somewhat unique in that there are several well-regarded breweries from other parts of the country who pour beers which you simply cannot find on the West Coast normally. Look out for excellent craft beer from the likes of Bell's, Founders, Three Floyds, Odell, and many more. And that's not even covering the excellent food and live music that will be on-hand as well. Detailed information can be found at the following URL:  
<http://www.firestonebeer.com/mingle/fw-invitational-beer-fest.php>



Meanwhile a bit closer to Los Angeles, **Hangar 24** will host their **4th Anniversary Celebration** at their brewery in Redlands, CA. Apparently Cracker, of *Teen Angst* (i.e. "What the world needs now...") fame, will be headlining while a large variety of beer is poured. They have two different tickets: \$5 from Noon - 3pm, and \$10 from 3pm - 6:30pm, after which you won't be able to buy anymore beer, but can still hang around eating and listening to music. Linky:

<http://www.hangar24brewery.com/anniversary4th.htm>

### June 9 & 10

In Cost Mesa, **OC BBQ and Music Fest** will be taking place, where they will be hosting a BBQ competition featuring meats from no fewer than 37 teams, and additionally there will be beer tasting from several local breweries. More details can be found here:

<http://cabbqfestival.com/>

### June 10

**Taste of the Nation LA** will be held in West Hollywood from 1 - 4pm. Tickets look rather pricey to my untrained eyes, but the list of food vendors is fairly impressive from a culinary standpoint. As you might have guessed, they will also be serving up craft beer from some local breweries, and it looks like Brewery Ommegang is also on the list. More details can be found here:

<http://ce.strength.org/events/taste-nation-los-angeles>

Beachwood Brewing & BBQ in Long Beach will be hosting DioNicEss X beer & food pairing, where the theme for this dinner will be aged foods & beers. They will be doing five unique pairings. Tickets are \$80 and are extremely limited, so if you are interested, go online and book early. Event URL is as follows:

<http://www.itsmyseat.com/events/820216.html>

### June 17

On Father's Day, Rock & Brews will be hosting a Local Craft Beer Festival. \$50 Tickets will include 8 tastings in your very own commemorative glass, as well as a complimentary buffet. In addition to the usual suspect (e.g. Strand, Monkish, El Segundo, Cistmontane, Bruery, Smog City, etc.) there will be some beers from Figueroa Mountain (which I enjoyed at while in Casitas), and a brewery called Port Town which I have never heard of. Details at the following URL:

<https://rockandbrews.eventbrite.com/>

### June 20-23

AHA's National Homebrewers Conference moves north to Seattle for its 34<sup>th</sup> reincarnation. The NHC has been

sold out for some time, so I'll see everyone who got their ticket early. Should be a great time!

### July 7

Beachwood Brewing in Long Beach will be celebrating their 1st anniversary since opening the new location, and they plan to throw a party. No real details yet, but those guys sure have some good beers on tap, and tend to have even better stuff for their special events, so this is one to pencil into your calendar.

## Spent Grains

[Brian Kellough](#), Strand Treasurer

We enter March with about \$2276 in the bank. Inflows included \$25 in dues, \$31 in t-shirts, and \$58 in raffle money. Thanks to all who purchased tickets, let's keep it up! We have some great prizes coming up at the raffles, so get your tickets at the meetings. We have 34 paid memberships, and for the first time this year no new members joined last month. We had quite a few new prospects at last month's meeting, I hope to see them continue to come out and feel comfortable joining the club. I still need membership applications for Janet Fukumoto, Chris Wallace, and Dani Zandel. Please fill it out electronically and email it to me at your earliest convenience. [Click here](#)

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

We still have 32 members from 2011 who have not renewed yet, don't forget that dues for 2012 are due. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2012 yet, I'll be contacting you with a gentle reminder. Even though the club is in good shape financially, we still depend on membership dues as our only predictable income.

Those dues go to fund club brews food and supplies for events, and other miscellaneous club expenses, so please remember to renew soon. Dues are \$25 for individual members and \$10 for spouse members. TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU, WE NOW HAVE AN ONLINE PAYMENT OPTION THROUGH PAYPAL! [Click here](#) for information, it is nominally more expensive, but infinitely more convenient for all involved! If you don't like paying online, Still fill out and email the application form electronically and email it, then just mail a check made out to "Strand Brewers Club" to me at 10890 Whitburn St, Culver City, CA 90230. You can also hand me a check or cash at the next club meeting (however all applications should still be submitted electronically). Attention current members: If you think your contact information is different than the one we have on file, please fill out the online membership application at either link above. It is a fillable pdf you can save and

keep for your records. Annually we'll ask renewing members to check their forms and make sure the information is current.

## The Sparge Arm

[Jim Wilson](#), Editor

### First Runnings

[Beer should get more Respect](#)

[It's Beer Time: Unique Brews Made in the U.S.A.](#)

[Scientists may recreate beer from 1840's shipwreck](#)

[Beer, whiskey and pork fat: the new health foods?](#)

[What to drink, what to drink it in and what to drink it with this summer](#)

[Fill This Glass With Guinness, Get a QR Code](#)

[A Tipple or Two? It Was Safer Than Water](#)

[iPad beer at the Hofbräuhaus](#)

[Beer Commercial banned in the U.S.](#)

[Water Quality, South bay style](#)

## Competition Calendar

[Jeff Sanders](#), Strand Vice-President

### Year Look-Ahead

|           |                                       |
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| Aug/Sept  | Los Angeles County Fair               |
| August    | COC – Porter                          |
| September | Pacific Brewers Cup                   |
| October   | California State Homebrew Competition |

### Club-Only Competitions

Strand Brewers' Club Meeting

**Time:** 2nd Wednesday of most months 7:00pm.

Best entry at the club meeting will be sent to the judging location.

For more info on club-only competitions, go to

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions>

August 2012

[Porter](#)

[Entries due August 10, 2012 and judging will be held August 18, 2012.](#)

[Hosted by Steve Docker and Snake River Brewers of Nampa, ID. This covers BJCP category 12.](#)

[For more information contact Steve Docker at \[sdocker@cableone.net\]\(mailto:sdocker@cableone.net\)](#)

September/October 2012

*Light Hybrid Beers*

Entries due October 6, 2012 and judging will be held October 13, 2012.

Hosted by Augie Altenbaumer and the St Louis Brews of St Louis, MO. This covers BJCP category 6.

For more information contact Augie Altenbaumer at [afalten@gmail.com](mailto:afalten@gmail.com)

### Local Competitions: *in order of entry deadline*

**6/05/12 Ismael's Homebrew to Probrew Santa Cruz, CA Judging 6/09/12**

Contact: Mia Bossie Phone (831) 336-4569

Email: [bossies@cruzio.com](mailto:bossies@cruzio.com)

Entry fee: \$5

**6/30/12 Amador County Fair Homebrew Comp. Plymouth, CA Judging 7/14/12**

Contact: William Tarchala Phone (209) 223-1976

Email: [sharkbrew@gotsky.com](mailto:sharkbrew@gotsky.com)

Entry fee: \$6

**7/21/12 25<sup>th</sup> Southern Cal. Homebrew Championship Corona, CA Judging 8/04/12**

Contact: Erin Westvig Phone (951) 312-4662

Email: [erinwestvig@gmail.com](mailto:erinwestvig@gmail.com)

Entry fee: \$6

**7/22/12 The Great Brewholio Santa Cruz, CA Judging 7/31/12**

Contact: Kaili Reynolds Phone (831) 295-3972

Email: [kailireynolds@gmail.com](mailto:kailireynolds@gmail.com)

Entry fee: \$n/a

**7/28/12 Ventura County Fair Amateur Beer Contest Ventura, CA Judging 7/29/12**

Contact: Charlotte Crocker Phone (805) 532-9973

Email: [agriculture@venturacountyfair.org](mailto:agriculture@venturacountyfair.org)

Entry fee: \$FREE

## **PACIFIC BREWERS CUP**

***Entries due 9/6/12, JUDGING 9/22/12***

**Many other competitions around the country! Go to [www.homebrewersassociation.org](http://www.homebrewersassociation.org) for complete list.**

**For a complete list of BJCP competitions, go to [http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp\\_schedule/competition\\_schedule.php](http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php)**

Your stories are welcome in the *Dregs*. Upgrade your brewery? Fine tune your practice? Take a road trip? Do well in a competition? Have recipes to share? Read a good beer book? Have club related pictures, especially for the *Dregs* cover? Send all those, or anything else you think would be interesting to [Jim Wilson](#). Thanks!



The objectives of the Strand Brewers Club are to brew beer and share information about brewing, presentation, consumption, judging and history of beer. We promote and encourage homebrewing competition and hope to foster general goodwill through the making and consuming of this noble and most excellent beverage. We aim to brew the best damn beer.

It is our policy to brew and consume beer strictly for fun. Under no circumstances does Strand support or condone in any manner the sale or barter of homebrewed beer, the operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol by a member or participant in any club event or the provision of alcohol to minors.

#### Strand Brewers Mentor Pool

These members have volunteered to answer brewing questions and to help beginning brewers learn the craft.

| Name          | Location              | Phone        | Email                                    |
|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|--|
| Bill Krouss   | Rancho Palos Verdes   | 310-831-6352 | bkrouss (at) cox dot net                 |
| Dave Peterson | Torrance              | 310-530-3168 | diablo390 (at) aol dot com               |
| Jay Ankeney   | Manhattan Beach       | 310-545-3983 | jayankeney (at) mac dot com              |
| Jim Hilbing   | Redondo Beach         | 310-798-0911 | james (at) hilbing dot us                |
| Jim Wilson    | Redondo Beach         | 310-316-2374 | editor (at) strandbrewersclub dot com    |
| Rives Borland | Hermosa Beach         | 310-469-3634 | president (at) strandbrewersclub dot com |
| Steve Fafard  | Rolling Hills Estates | 310-373-1724 | sfafard (at) cox dot net                 |

#### 2012 Club Officers

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